ing, shall stand continued; and all appearances, upon re-
turns of process, shall be made to the next succeeding
term in course, in the same manner as if such succeeding
term had been the term to which such process had been
continued, or such returns or appearances had been made;
and all recognizances, bonds and obligations for appear-
ances, and all returns, shall be of the same force and valid-
ity for the appearance of any person at such succeeding
term, and all subpœnas for witnesses as effectual as if the
next succeeding term had been expressly mentioned
therein.

Jurisdiction.

Sec. 7. Said inferior court shall have jurisdiction to in-
quire of, try, hear and determine all proceedings in bas-
tardy, and all crimes and misdemeanors, excepting those
whereof exclusive original jurisdiction is given to courts of
justices of the peace, and except the crimes of murder,
manslaughter, arson, rape. assault with intent to commit
rape, burglary, horse-stealing, libel, perjury, forgery and
highway robbery.

Appeals.

Sec. 8. The said court shall hear all appeals of a crim-
inal nature, brought before it for the court of the justices
of the peace, under the same rules and practices which
govern the superior courts. Parties may, at their election,
appeal from the courts of the justices of the peace to this
court or the superior court, as is now provided by law for
appeals to the superior court.

Practice, plead-
ing, &c.

Sec. 9. The practice, pleading, process and procedure
in such courts, shall be, in all respects, as provided for
the superior courts.

Conviction for
criminal offences.

Sec. 10. In all cases of conviction in this court for any
criminal offence, the defendant or defendants so convicted
shall have the right to an appeal to the superior courts
in term time, without giving security for costs and jail
fees, upon filing an affidavit that he is wholly unable to
give security for such costs and jail fees; and he is ad-
vised by counsel that he has reasonable cause for the ap-
peal prayed for, and that his application is made in good